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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of *August 8, 2005*, in the above-identified patent application.

Claims 57-84 are pending in the instant application.

The Examiner required Restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121:

Group I: Claims 57-79, drawn to a method of inducing posterior vitreous detachment of an eye; and

Group II: Claims 80-84, drawn to a method of performing a vitrectomy.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of *Group I, claims 57-79*, for further prosecution on the merits.